

號六十二月十英 香港 HONGKONG, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 1877. 五拜禮 號六十二月十英 香港 PRICE \$2 PER MO.

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INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF

THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE OF
IS EXCELLENCE THE GOVERNOR,
Admiral RYDER, Commodore WATSON,
CAPTAIN COLCLOUGH, AND OFFICERS OF
H.M.S. "AUDACIOUS."

THE AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB,
OF THE ABOVE SHIP
will give a
PERFORMANCE
in the
THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL,
ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 1877.
He proceeds to be devoted to the above purpose.
MRS. GREEN'S SNUG LITTLE
BUSINESS.
"URGENT PRIVATE AFFAIRS."
"AREA-BEELS"
he Band will attend. To commence at 6 P.M.
Reserved Seats, 5s.; Admission 6d.
Tickets may be had and Seats secured at
GROGAN, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co's, where a
at one of the House can be seen.

Hongkong, 22nd October, 1877. [1572]

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

A NATURAL CONCERT
will be given at the
CITY HALL (ST. ANDREW'S HALL),
on
SATURDAY, THE 3RD NOVEMBER,
in aid of the above Fund.
The Programme will be published shortly.
Hongkong, 26th October, 1877. [1586]

ON SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY,

AND MELBOURNE,
 (Calling off the usual Coast Ports to land
 and passengers)
THE Eastern and Australia Mail Steam
Company's Steamer
"BOWEN"
 will be despatched as above on or about the 9th
 November next.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBBY, LIVINGSTON & Co.
 Hongkong, 26th October, 1877. [1597]

WANTED, A BOOKKEEPER in
 the **GENERAL STORE AND SHIP**
CHANDLERY of **GOVT.** required. Address,
 (leaving Salary, "T. K." Amoy. [1598]
 Amoy, 22nd October, 1877.

WANTED, A EUROPEAN BOILER-
MAKER. Must produce satisfactory
 testimonials as to Capacity, Sobriety, &c. Add-
 ress, "E. J. S." Amoy, 21st Nov. Office Office.
 Hongkong, 22nd October, 1877. [1576]

FOR SALE
LARGE TAKASIMA COAT, ex GOWDYN

Apply to
THOS. G. CLOVER,
No. 7, Queen's Road Central and East Point
Hongkong, 25th October, 1877. [1w158]

HONGKONG RACES, 1878

Gentlemen having Suggestions to Offer, or
Presentations to make for the ensuing Race
Meeting are invited to communicate with the
Clark of the Course on or before SATURDAY
the 27th instant.

By Order
D. GREEGH,
Clark of the Course.
Hongkong, 20th October, 1877. [1w156]

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the
HONGKONG HOTEL, the present **VI-**
yearly Lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878.
SEALD TENDERS to be sent in on or be-
fore the 13th March 1878.
HONGKONG HOTEL, COMPANY, LIMITED

who will supply any information required.
By Order of the Directors
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th September 1877. [14]

NOTICES TO SHIPPEES.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO
EX O. S. S. CO. B. R. S. "GLAUCUS,"
FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING ORDERS must be obtained from the Underwriter not later than the 27th instant for shipments to STEAMER "FELM,"
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1877. [15]

BARK "STRATHMORE," FROM
KURACHEE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for Counter-signature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods, upon the discharge of the Vessel. The Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DOUGLAS LAIRAID & Co.,
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1877. [16]

THE BRITISH BARK "LORD OF THE ISLES," FROM LONDON.

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DOUGLAS LAIRAID & Co.,
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1877. [17]

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Cargo impeding the discharge of the Yes will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Hongkong, 20th October, 1877. (1877)

BRITISH BARQUE "ELMSTONE,"
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Yes will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DOUGLAS LAIRDAK & CO.
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th October, 1877. (1877)

FROM LONDON AND SHANGHAI.

"THE Steamship
WILMOT," FOR "DORNSHIRE"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed from their risk and stored in the Godowns of Messrs. NORRIS & CO., Duddell Street, whence they will be cleared or Bailed delivery may be obtained.

Optical Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary is given before 5 P.M. TO-DAY.

Cargo remaining undischarged after the 2nd instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
H. KLEIN & CO.
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th October, 1877. (1877)

BRITISH BARK "MELBEK" FROM
LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo remaining the discharge of the Yes will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

expense. **ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.**
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th October, 1877. [tf]

NOTICE

A. S. WATSON AND CO.,
FAMILY AND DISPENSING
CHEMISTS,
By Appointment to His Excellency the Go-
VERNOR and His Royal Highness the
DUKE OF EDINBURGH.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS.
PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS,
DRUGGISTS, SURGEONS,
AND
AERATED WATER MAKERS.

**SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED,
PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.**

NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of
Orders it is particularly requested that all
business communications be addressed to the
Firm: A. S. Watson and Co., or
HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.
Communications on Editorial matters should be
sent to "The Editor," and those on business "The
Manager," and not to individuals by name.
Correspondents are requested to forward their name
and address with communications addressed to the
Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good
faith.
All letters for publication should be written on one
side of the paper only.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 20th, 1877.

Since writing on the Chinese question in
Australia the other day we have come across
a long and exhaustive article in the *Brisbane
Courier* of the 8th ult., by a colonist,
under the signature of "Old Northern,"
who has lived in North Queensland and
studied the matter of Chinese immigration
in all its bearings. He fearlessly exposes
the fallacy of the arguments of the anti-
Chinese agitators, and his remarks are con-
spicuously fair for sound sense and modera-
tion. We have no hesitation in saying
that his article is the most sensible one
that has yet appeared in the
Queensland papers, and it must put the
Chinese question in quite a new light before
many of the colonists. He recognises the
fact, on which we have always strongly
insisted, that the immense resources of
Northern Queensland can never be properly
utilised without a supply of good and cheap
labour, and that the only way to be successful
in tropical agriculture is with Chinese under
European supervision. He sees no reason
why the north of the colony should not, with
Chinese labour, become a flourishing sugar
producing district. Even with Kanaka labour,
which is much inferior to Chinese, the district
round Mackay has been wonderfully trans-
formed. When he first visited Mackay the
town was a miserable little place, dependent
for its existence upon a few cattle and sheep
stations, and with about two hundred in-
habitants. After a few years he returned to
it and found "a thriving town, magni-
ficent estates, miles of canals, splendid
machinery, and one of the most beautiful spots
in Queensland." From a cattle run with long
and rank grass and devil-devil plants, it was
turned into a garden, and the greatest pos-
sible use made of God's gifts, and all through
the importation and use of suitable labour.
It is, in "Old Northern's" considered, to
be doing "developing Northern Queensland
with European labour." It is both costly and
inefficient, and the Europeans generally prove
restless and discontented. The European as
a labourer is not suited for the climate. Diet
also is another point. "The heavy diet of the
European in the tropics tends to make him
more unsuited, whilst the light wholesome
diet and abstinence of the Chinese is the
result of centuries of tropical experience."
There is much truth in this, and it would
take long experience to teach British work-
men how to live in the tropics. "Old Nor-
therner" goes on to ask how it is that the
Chinese cannot be employed in constructing
roads, railways, and other public works.
"We want," he says, "roads, bridges, rail-
ways, public buildings, wharves, and other
things too numerous to particularise. We
have millions of acres of splendid soil, equal
to anything in the world for agriculture, now
lying idle. We have copper, gold, and other
minerals. We have timber unequalled in
Southern Queensland, and all lying idle for
want of what? Cheap and suitable labour.
Let us have fifty thousand Chinese scattered
round of Mackay on the coast lands as
labourers and workers of the soil, and we
shall have twenty thousand extra Europeans
with them. The vast motive power now
offering to turn our vast resources to account
should be directed into a right direction, and
not forced away from us by unwise and un-
called for legislation."

"Old Northern" alleges that it is
the politicians of the south who have been
instrumental in raising the present outcry
against the Chinese, and that in the north
the only class still retaining a grudge against
the Chinese is the miner, and he is now pre-
pared to face the inevitable. In fact, as "Old
Northern" plainly proves, Cooktown and the
North would suffer materially by the with-
drawal of the Chinese. Cooktown, next to
Brisbane, is the chief port of Queensland, and
the shipping business from the southern co-
lonies has doubled since the advent of the Chi-
nese. Not only do the storekeepers, draymen,
packers, and transporters profit largely by them,
but the labourers on the wharves and all the
Europeans gain more or less from their in-
dustry. "Though they are, no enterers they
are also in Queensland very good customers
to the butcher, and cattle are double the
price that they were in Flinders four
years since, while more than double the
number of Europeans are earning a com-
fortable living (many making large fortunes)
that would have been the case had the Chi-
nese not immigrated there. But this is not
all. Out of the fifteen thousand Chinese
resident in the district "Old Northern"

so frequently urged against the Chinese both
in California and Queensland are stoutly
denied by "Old Northern." He quotes the
testimony of a magistrate on this point as
follows:—"For twenty years I have been
a resident of Queensland, and seventeen
years a magistrate, and have had men of
various nationalities in my employ, and
found European labour costly and inefficient,
and the Chinese good. As a magistrate, I have
had before me men of various nationalities
charged with indecent assault upon girls of
tender age and unnatural crimes, but Chi-
nese never. If, as is said, they are the cor-
rupters of youth and the habitual perpetra-
tors of heinous crimes, as is the fashion to
lay to their charge, they certainly have
respected the law in all parts of the colony,
and the police records will, I think, show a
smaller amount of crime in proportion to
their number than amongst our Christian
and civilised moral Caucasians." The police
force for the whole of the Palmer district,
with a population of 18,000, numbers but
ninety, and is, we are told, cheaper to the
Government than any other in the colony
with a fifth of the population. The Chinese
are not without great and serious faults, and
they of course furnish a quota to the
criminal population both in California
and Queensland, but they are certainly ruled
with less difficulty than Europeans, and are
more peaceably inclined when properly go-
verned. The fact that some of them have
been driven by want to take up the profes-
sion of freebooter is not so much to be won-
dered at. It is hard to have to starve in a land
of plenty, and John Chinaman is only fol-
lowing the instinct of self-preservation in
taking toll of other people's abundance. It
is much to be regretted that the Queensland
Government has not thought proper to make
use of the Chinese to construct railways and
roads, as we suggested two or three months
back. A great deal has been made of the ac-
knowledgeed dirtiness of the Chinese, and the
way in which they set at defiance all sanitary
laws, but "Old Northern" coincides in the
opinion, more than once expressed in these
columns, that the municipal bodies in all
large towns have it in their power to cope
with this failing, and that strong measures
should and could be taken to compel the
Chinese to live decently. The Chinaman has
not the same field in temperate climates, and
could not successfully compete with the
European there, but in tropical climates he is
sorely needed, and the fact will become yearly
more and more apparent. We are glad that
the people of the Northern Territory are
alive to the importance of encouraging Chi-
nese immigration, and trust that their neigh-
bours in Queensland will soon see their mis-
take in wishing to be rid of useful John.

The British steamer *Flora* left Singa-
pore for this port on the 22nd inst.

We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Birley
& Co.) that the steamship *City of Lincoln* left
Singapore for this port early on Wednesday
morning.

We notice by the *Strait Times* that a Profes-
sor Thorne, who calls himself "the Royal
Historian," is giving entertainments in Singa-
pore, and the Club will be commanded to these.
Mr. Keller has recently performed less. The Pro-
fessor, however, winds up with a spirit essay,
The Rangoon Journals speak very highly of his
performance.

A cricket match, the first of a series of en-
counters which usually takes place between
Garrison and the Club, will be commenced to-
day at two o'clock. The Garrison eleven are a
strong team, while that for the Club does not
appear to be quite made up. The Club will have
to play for four or five days, and they may
lose, but they will have a "soft thing" to
play for the Garrison.

The opening of the Hongkong Yacht
Club will take place to-morrow, and we under-
stand that six vessels belonging to the Club will
fly the Club flag on the occasion. The Com-
modore, Captain Colquhoun, will be in charge,
and the *Nautilus*, will hoist his flag on board
that vessel at two o'clock to-morrow, and if the
yachts are in attendance punctually, a very good
afternoon cruise may be enjoyed, provided a fair
wind blows. The Club will have a very fine
view of the harbour, and the *Nautilus* will
be a most desirable vessel to be on board.

A dinner was given to Admiral Roper on 25th
inst. by His Excellency the Governor, and Mrs.
Pope Hemmings, with the following laid the
honour of being present:—Sir John and Lady
Guthrie, Colonel Colquhoun, Commodore Watson,
R.N., Hon. C. Smith, Hon. Attorney-General
and Mrs. Phillips, Hon. W. Kewick, Hon. H. Low-
cock, Hon. J. Lowcock, Hon. C. Smith, Captain
Colquhoun, R.N., Colonel Dickinson, 28th Regiment,
Dr. O'Brien, Mr. H. B. Gibb, Mr. C. Haynes,
O.C. R.N., Mr. Cooper, Lieutenant-General, R.N.,
Colonel Dickinson, 28th Regiment, and Captain
Layard, Acting A.D.C. The band of the 28th
Regiment accompanied by kind permission
of Colonel Dickinson and officers of the 28th
Regiment during dinner.

An inquest was held yesterday afternoon at
the Government Civil Hospital, by Mr. J. Russell,
coroner, and a jury composed of Messrs. P. A. de
Costa, J. Beaton, and F. C. Dittmer, on the body
of a Malay named Samudra, aged 25 years,
supposed to have met his death through
suicide. The body was found floating in the sea
on the 17th inst. The deceased was a native of
Siam, and was sent to No. 67, Holywood-road, and
found the deceased dead in his bed, with a tea-cup
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